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Representative Stafsholt Proud to Approve Bills to Fight Opioid Addiction

Madison, WI – State Representative Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) was proud to vote in support of a package of bills aimed to fight against drug abuse and addiction in Wisconsin. He joined his Assembly colleagues in the passage of nine bills to expand treatment options and prevention programs to help attack the growing opioid problem here in our state.

"I am pleased to be a part of the passage of these nine bills that will help Wisconsin in our fight against prescription drug abuse," said Representative Stafsholt. "When I was running for office, I pledged to voters in my 4-point Criminal Justice Reform Plan to support the continuation and implementation of Representative John Nygren's HOPE Agenda. I am excited I was able to deliver on my promise to the constituents of my district."

These nine bills are part of the Special Session on Opioid Abuse called by Governor Walker. The legislation also continues the Assembly Republican efforts to work in a bipartisan manner on the Heroin, Opioid, Prevention and Education – or HOPE – Agenda. Over the last two sessions, the Legislature unanimously approved 17 HOPE Agenda bills that became law.

"These bills expand Treatment and Diversion (TAD) programs, improve access to wide-ranging addiction medicine opportunities, and partner with law enforcement to fight drug trafficking. I will continue to fight this epidemic, and I look forward to supporting more legislation that would help curb this devastating issue here in our communities."

For more information on the HOPE Agenda, please visit: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/hope/.